(b) what was the combined PLF of the power plants in 2000-2001;

(c) whether liquidation of the plant would be at the book value or on the revaluation of assets; and

(d) how BSP is going to ensure uninterrupted power supply after liquidation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) As part of its ongoing financial and business restructuring, SAIL has initiated actions to form a Joint Venture (JV) company with DVC as its partner to operate and manage its CPPs at Bokaro. SAIL and DVC will each hold 50 percent equity in the JV company.

(b) The combined PLF of CPPs in 2000-2001 was 52.71 per cent.

(c) The liquidation of the CPPs will be done based on the revaluation of assets.

(d) Uninterrupted power supply to Bokaro Steel Plant will be ensured, as the CPPs will continue to supply the entire power generated by it to Bokaro Steel Plant on captive basis as is being done now.

Separate revival plan for Indian Iron and Steel Company

742. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the BIFR has decided in favour of winding up Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO);

(b) whether the Steel Authority of India Ltd. (SAIL) as well as the employees had prepared separate, alternative revival plans for the company; and

(c) if so, what are the details of these plans and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI BRAJ KISHORE TRIPATHY): (a) The Board of

Industrial and Financial Reconstruction (BIFR) has issued a Show Cause for winding up Indian Iron and Steel Company (IISCO).

(b) and (c) SAIL/IISCO has submitted a revival proposal for IISCO to Government for Rs.1081 crores which includes funds for Voluntary Retirement Scheme (VRS) and investment at Burnpur Works and its mines and collieries besides provisions for meeting its cash losses. No decision has yet been taken in the matter.

Debarring India from World Lifting Meet

743. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news article which appeared in Times of India dated the 30th October, 2001 under the heading, 'India may be debarred from World Lifting Meet' and

(b) if so, Government's response thereto and what steps have been taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI P. RADHAKIRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The issue has been taken up at appropriate level, the Indian Weightlifting team has participated in World Weightlifting Championship held in Turkey from November 3, 2001.

Recipients of Arjuna Awards

744. SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Arjuna Awards have been conferred during the last three years;

(b) what are the criteria for selecting awardees; and

(c) the details regarding the names of the recipients of the award during these three years and the field in which they have received the award?